DEATHS

HILDRED W. O'BRIEN

Hildred Walker O'Brien, 43, died unexpectedly Thursday night en-route to Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County July 26, 1913, he was the son of the late Ben Walker and Virgia Ferguson O'Brien. He was employed by the State Highway Department.

Surviving are a brother, Francis Preston O'Brien, Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Rachel V. McFadden, of Evergreen, and eight nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, where funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Saturday, conducted by the Rev. Charles Addington. Music was provided by the church choir. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were: D. R. Evans, H. B. Cralle, H. L. Ferguson, W. D. Ferguson, C. J. Morris, R. W. Keys, W. A. Goin and R. M. Morris.

HENRY A. PERDIEU

Gladstone.- Henry Archer Perdieu, 82, died early Dec. 20, at a nursing home in Appomattox. Born in Appomattox County, April 12, 1874, he was the son of the late Samuel Haskins and Margaret Mann PerDieu. A retired farmer, he was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church, and was the widower of Lozette Doss Perdieu.

Surviving are two daughter, Mrs. Richard Smith and Mrs. Walter Bergman, both of Gladstone; four sons, M. PerDieu and W. S. Perdieu, of Lynchburg, and C. B. PerDieu and W. H. PerDieu, of Baltimore; three brothers, Willis PerDieu, of Concord; Emmett PerDieu, Hotchkiss, W. Va., and Norman PerDieu, Iaegar, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 22, at 11 A. M. from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, by the Rev. Dott Bryan, assisted by the Rev. John L. Suttenfield. Interment was made in the family cemetery near Gladstone.

JOEL B. FERGUSON

Joel Bernard Ferguson, of Appomattox died in Lynchburg General Hospital early Dec. 24, after an illness of three days. He was 54.

He was born in Appomattox County May 7, 1902. His wife, Mary Everett Doss Ferguson, died in 1950.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond L. and William C. Ferguson, both of Appomattox; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Virginia Rosser, and Mary Estelle Ferguson, both of Lynchburg; Betty M., Phyllis Ann and Nancy Jane Ferguson, all of Appomattox; and Ruby E. Ferguson, of Livonia, Michigan; and two sisters, Mrs. Alene Wootton, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Georgia Williams, of Pamplin.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 P. M., Dec. 26, from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, with interment in Liberty Cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. Lee H. Richcreek. Music was provided by Miss Peggy Godsey, organist. Active pallbearers were: Hubert Carter, Morton Ferguson, Sam Ferguson, Lee Ferguson, Harry Carter and Grover Smith.

GEORGE L. HARVEY

George Lucian Harvey, 84, died Dec. 19 at a nursing home, after an illness of three years. Born in Buckingham County May 2, 1872, he was the son of the late Richard and Susan Taylor Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a farmer. He was never married.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 20, at 3:30 P. M., at Red Oak Cemetery, Appomattox County, by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Greene, assisted by the Rev. B. F. Robinson.

MRS. FLOYD BUCKNER

Mrs. Munice Robertson Buckner, 67, widow of Floyd Buckner, died Dec. 13, at the home of K. H. McIntosh, Route 4, Appomattox. She had been in declining health for several years. Born Dec. 13, 1889, in North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Noah and Amanda Rice. Surviving are two sons, Hoy N. Buckner, Red House; Vernon Buckner, Mars Hill, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Della Robinson, Ecorse, Mich., and Mrs. Olga Griffen, Marshall, N. C., 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Mars Hill, N. C.

Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Jan. 1.- Holiday guests of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garnett and sons, Steve King and David Whitney, of Richmond; Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall, Jr. and sons, A. R. Southall III and Frank Howard, of Louisa; Mrs. Corelia S. Henniman, of Suffolk, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson Southall and son, Bobby, of Bon Air; Mr. and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, of Lexington, and Miss Ernestine Southall, of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and daughter, Billie Star, visited relatives at Jetterville during the holidays.

Mrs. Bradley Ramsey visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and family, of Windsor, Va.

Miss Evelyn Genell, of McGuire Hospital spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood have returned to Winchester, after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. F. Clark.

Mrs. Raidee Hughes visited her sons, Bobbie and Paul Hughes, of Richmond.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Daisy Cobbs were Mrs. Hazel Clayton and two children, of Richmond; Mrs. Bob Worrell, of Amelia; Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Donner, of Richmond, Miss Flora Belle Williams, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Averetta Pankey and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jamerson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams and children, of Darlington Heights.

Miss Cornela Jamerson, of S. C. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jamerson, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Davis and children, of Portsmouth are visiting his mother, Mrs. John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Catlett and children left this week to make their home in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Rad Williams is on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Jane Williams spent New Year's Day with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wooldridge, of Appomattox.

Dr. F. H. Lukin is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Howard, of Saxe, were visiting friends here during the holidays.

Visitors of Mrs. Juddy Glover during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Anderson and daughter, Audrey Lee Anderson, of Goldsboro, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville.

Miss Martha Hughes, of Durham, N. C. is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. C. Hughes.

Mrs. E. E. Bateman, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Inge, of Wilson visited Mr. R. R. Davis during the holidays.

Mrs. Juddy Glover, Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg during the holidays.

Miss Joyce Ann Houk spent Saturday night with Miss Sandra Kay Pankey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nash and son, of N. C., spent the holidays here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs. L. M. Southall were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples, of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeatts and children, of Farmville visited her father, Mr. Tom Davis, during the holidays.

"MEANEST THIEF" REPENTS

Amsterdam, N. Y.- The thief who stole the muscular dystrophy fund coin box from a grocery store was described as "the meanest person in the world." A few days later, however, in a bundle of newspapers left outside the same store, there was an envelope, containing $2.49 and a note: "From the meanest person in the world."

NOT SO FUNNY

Lander, Wyo.- When bartender Jack Clark opened the tavern where he works, he looked up and there—4 feet away—was a mountain lion, crouched ready to spring. Clark scaled the side of a cooler cabinet backward, Jokesters entered and rescued Clark. Belatedly, they told him the lion had been shot by hunters, frozen into a crouched position and placed in the bar during the night.

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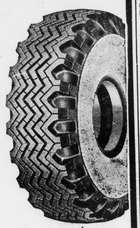

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Today, let us talk about the winter feeding of the wild birds that live near our homes and stay with us through the winter.

Birds can find most of their own food during the summer. But when winter comes, some of them need help from their human friends, especially after a snow storm. An ice crust may form over the snow and cover the birds' natural food. It is best to put out food for birds in the fall, before they really need it. Then they will become used to finding the food in a certain spot. Later, when other food is hard to find, the birds may become your winter guests. Put out the food at night so that the birds will find it in the early morning. Continue feeding the birds until spring, when they can get plenty of natural food.

If you cannot serve insects, give the birds suet — beef fat. You can buy suet cheaply at any meat market. Suet is nourishing, and will not freeze. Insect-eating birds also like other fats and meat scraps.

Suet should be tied to a branch or a post with heavy cord or wire so that nice, squirrels, and cats cannot steal it. Suet can also be cut in small pieces and put in tree holes. Or you can melt the suet and pour it into tiny holes in trees or posts. A stick of suet can be nailed to a tree or post. A hollow coconut shell makes a fine container for melted suet. Metal food containers with sharp edges may injure the birds.

Many birds will enjoy a winter meal of crumbs, nuts, seeds, and ground and cracked grains. You can serve them boiled potatoes, finely chopped hard-boiled eggs, crumbled dog biscuit, raw or boiled rice, peanut butter, rolled oatmeal, coconut, meal worms, peppers, lettuce or celery leaves, raisins, figs, fruits, and even cooked fish. Many birds eat both fats and seeds.

Feeding shelves and trays are good containers for bird food. These shelves and trays are easy to make. All you need is a small board, a foot long and a foot wide, with a ledge around it to keep food from falling off. Some feeding trays have roofs to keep out the wind and snow. Rain and melted snow will drain off quickly if you have holes in the corners of the tray. But be sure your feeding shelf or tray, like the bird bath, is out of reach of cats and other enemies of birds.

If you put a food tray near a window, you will be able to watch the birds at close range. Some feeding trays fit inside the window sill, leaving the bottom part of the window open.

Birds are timid, and at first may not come close to your window to eat. You may attract them with "trolley feeders." Hang the feeding tray from a wire that runs from the window to a tree or a post outside. Then you can, from time to time, pull your "cafeteria" closer up to the window without frightening the birds.

This feeding of wild birds takes a little time, but if you have small children, of if you can take the time to watch your bird banquet being devoured, you are richly rewarded. We were given a bushel of wheat last season, to mix with scraps and crumbs, which we kept on a high table under an evergreen tree near a window. The food lasted through the winter and spring. Four families of cardinals, many song sparrows, blue jays, cat birds, wrens and other birds came, nested near by, and fed their big babies on the table. A bird unfamiliar to us came, brought his wife, and raised two sets of "quads" at our table. We found that he was a towhee, and a beauty he was with his white shirt, orange waistcoat and gray suit. He left in the fall, but we hope he will return with the robins.

The National Education Association reported teacher shortages had deprived 840,000 children of normal full-time schooling.

DOVES FOUND PLENTIFUL BUT HARD TO COME BY

The second season for shooting doves in Virginia opened on December 25, and will close January 6, 1957, according to Chester F. Phelps, Chief of the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Phelps says that, according to reports, that while doves are some what spotted in their appearances here this season, many reports tell of fields being literally full of them. Phelps says that in his opinion, many doves will be killed this year during the ten day period. However, he suggests that it will take a good shot to kill these mid - winter doves, and suggests that a fellow out dove shooting carry plenty of ammunition with him.

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Home Agent's Notes

Prepared by Elizabeth W. Pancake Assistant Home Agent

Winter Hobby for Home Gardeners Mushroom Growing

As a winter hobby for the home gardener, mushroom - growing is suggested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Because mushrooms don't need light to grow, a basement room where the temperature can be kept below 66 F. and the moist atmosphere can be used. Mushrooms may be preserved at home by canning or freezing.

In recent years some nurserymen or seedsmen have been offering for sale trays of mushroom compost especially prepared for home use. The traps are prepared by commercial mushroom growers, who are equipped to compost manure economically; to pasteurize it and destroy harmful fungi, nematodes, or insects; and to start the growth of mushroom spawn in the trays.

If the directions for growing mushrooms that come with the trays are followed, and if the trays are placed in a cool, damp place, home-growers can expect to get a half pound to a pound of mushrooms for every square foot of tray space. Once the mushrooms begin to appear on the trays they will continue to develop for about sixty days.

But the Department cautions beginners against being misled into believing that mushroom-growing is an occupation offering unusual opportunities for profit with little experience and small capital investment. Actually it is a well-established and competitive industry. To be profitable, the commercial grower needs at least 20,000 square feet of bed space along with special equipment, a thorough knowledge of mushroom growing, and the skill that comes from long experience. Moreover, the physical labor required for preparing the mushroom beds is heavier than perhaps for any other horticultural venture, even though trucks, tractors, conveyors, and loaders are used by commercial growers today.

Only one type of mushroom is cultivated in the United States, a variety of the common field mushroom that proved best for the purpose. The demand for canned mushrooms has increased in recent years. Today a third of the crop sells as canned mushrooms, a third is processed for soup, and a third is marketed fresh.

Recipe Shortcuts

Many favorite recipes that have been in your family for years can probably be simplified.

And you can do some of this streamlining yourself, say nutritionists at VPI.

For instance, instead of adding sugar gradually to egg whites as you whip them for a pie meringue, you could add the sugar to the egg whites at the beginning and whip them together. The whipping will take a little longer, but you won't have to add the sugar a little at a time, and so can do something else while the whites are whipping.

When you make a cream pie filling or cornstarch pudding, instead of adding part of the hot mixture to the egg yolks and then putting this mixture back into the pudding you can put the egg yolks in at the beginning. In other words, mix the dry ingredients together, and add the egg yolks when you add the cold milk.

The Soviet Union has called for a meeting of the Disarmament Commission of the United Nations soon.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr. visited Mrs. Lillie Garbee Sunday.

We hope our Editor and his good wife had a Merry Christmas and hope they will have a prosperous New Year.

Supper guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

The families of Mrs. Florene Phelps spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill, Mildred and Faye Thornhill and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited Don Owen, of Randolph Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Llyehorn, of Maryland, Fred and Charlie Lawhorn, of Washington, visited Thursday in the home of their sister, Mrs. Sam Thornhill.

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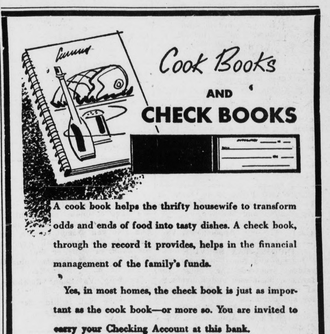

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